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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 5270**
Takanori SHINOKI et al. : Docket No. 2000_0465A
Serial No. 09/529,255 : Group Art Unit 1771
Filed April 11, 2000 : Examiner Terell H. Morris

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

EXAMINER'S ACTION

EXAMINER GROUP 1771

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: